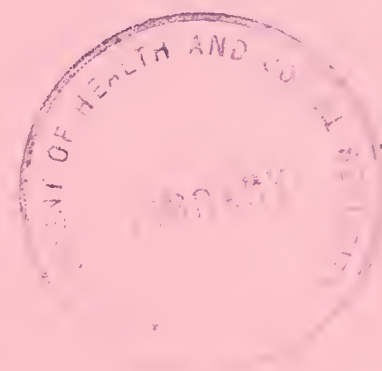


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# Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kearsley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your information the Annual Report on the District for the year 1969.

Perusal of the vital statistics reveals a healthy community with a continuous higher than average birth rate and an exceedingly low wastage rate. Out of 219 births, there were only three stillbirths and only two infant deaths in the first year of life. There were no maternal deaths.

There was an increase in the number of deaths over last year by 13. The main cause of death continues to be heart and circulatory disease (almost half), cancer (almost a quarter) and respiratory disease.

Once again the incidence of infectious disease was low enough to encourage a degree of complacency among younger parents. One of our more important tasks is to underline the urgent need to insure, as far as possible, a healthy future. This can be accomplished so easily in the case of diphtheria, polio, smallpox, whooping cough, tetanus, measles and tuberculosis. Immunisation is available for children through the family doctor or health authority service.

May I express my appreciation for the interest shown by the Chairman and members of the Committee and for the help and co-operation from colleagues in the Town Hall.

ELLIS TAYLOR

Medical Officer of Health.

# STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area—1,728 statute acres (approx.).

Population—Estimated June, 1969—11,760.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Births:						Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	205	115	90
Illegitimate		...	...	...	...	14	8	6
Still Births:								
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
Illegitimate		...	...	...	...	—	—	—
						Kearsley	England & Wales	
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...				20.3	16.3	
Still Births per 1,000 total births	...	...				14	13	
						Total	Males	Females
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	147	86	61
						Kearsley	England & Wales	
Death Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)						14.5	11.9	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:								
						Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Nil
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	Nil
						Kearsley	England & Wales	
Infant Mortality Rate:								
(All infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births)	...	...	...	...		9	18	
Perinatal Mortality Rate:								
(Per 1,000 total births)	...	...	...			18	23	
Neonatal Mortality Rate:								
(Per 1,000 total births)	...	...	...			5	12	
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...			34
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...			Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...			Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...					Nil



TABLE I.

YEAR	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Death Rate ...	13.5	15.5	16.1	14.5	15.3	12.2	14.0	11.3	13.5	14.5
Birth Rate ...	17.2	16.1	15.8	18.8	21.9	21.8	21.2	22.5	21.3	20.3
Infantile Mortality Rate ...	22.5	36.1	42.7	27.6	47.4	22.8	9.1	21.1	8.8	9.0
till Birth Rate ...	16.6	6.0	12.0	16.3	27.6	13.5	13.5	21.9	14.3	14.0
<b>Causes of Death:</b>										
Heart Disease ...	(30) 47	(18) 40	(10) 27	(10) 35	(13) 42	(11) 37	(14) 37	(5) 31	(5) 36	(5) 36
Cancer ...	(4) 20	(5) 18	(7) 21	(3) 14	(6) 30	(6) 24	(6) 28	(6) 26	(8) 24	(8) 26
Bronchitis ...	7	10	5	4	5	7	13	7	11	8
Pneumonia ...	4	2	8	8	4	Nil	7	6	6	6

The figures in brackets are those of Coronary Thrombosis and Lung Cancer.

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1969

Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ... ..	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus ... ..	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	8
Malignant neoplasm, intestine ... ..	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... ..	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate ... ..	2
Other malignant neoplasms ... ..	7
Diabetes mellitus ... ..	3
Other endocrine, etc. diseases ... ..	2
Anaemias ... ..	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc. ... ..	4
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ... ..	1
Hypertensive disease ... ..	2
Ischaemic heart disease ... ..	27
Other forms of heart disease ... ..	9
Cerebrovascular disease ... ..	22
Other diseases of circulatory system ... ..	5
Influenza ... ..	1
Pneumonia ... ..	6
Bronchitis and emphysema ... ..	8
Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..	2
Peptic ulcer ... ..	2
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ... ..	1
Cirrhosis of liver ... ..	1
Other diseases of digestive system ... ..	2
Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	3
Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ... ..	1
Congenital anomalies ... ..	1
All other accidents ... ..	6
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ... ..	1

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## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year 1969;—

Disease	No.
Scarlet Fever   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...	16
Dysentery ...   ...   ...   ...   ...	7
Measles   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...	71
Infective Jaundice   ...   ...   ...   ...	15

Tuberculosis—Cases Notified:— nil

The treatment of all cases of tuberculosis is undertaken by the Hospital Services and their domiciliary supervision by the County Council.

### FOOD POISONING

During the year there were four cases of Food Poisoning reported.

### SCARLET FEVER

Sixteen cases of Scarlet Fever were reported during the year, and all of these were nursed at home.

### DIPHTHERIA

For the twenty-third year in succession there were no cases of Diphtheria.

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

The bacteriological examination of milk and water samples is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory service, Withington and of pathological specimens at Bolton Royal Infirmary.

WATER SUPPLY

Bolton Corporation is the source of supply for the whole of the district.

The Chemical Analysis and Bacteriological examinations show that the quality and quantity is satisfactory.

There are four houses, with a population of 10, in the outlying district known as Giant’s Seat, dependent on well water, which is not a connected supply.

								<i>Bolton Corp.</i>
No. of bacteriological examinations of raw water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	669
Results	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory
No. of chemical analyses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Results	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory

*Water going into supply where treatment  
is installed: —*

No. of bacteriological examinations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500
Results	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory
No. of chemical analyses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Results	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory
Action taken in respect of any form of contamination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No contam'tion
Liability to plumbo-solvent action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None

All dwelling houses in the district, except for four, are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses.

## HOUSING

Private enterprise built 82 houses during the year. There is not again in the urban district an acute shortage of housing accommodation, and the housing list is mainly composed of people desiring houses better placed and with better amenities than those which they at present occupy.

Following the completion of 48 flats at Fearnhead Close last year, a second scheme of 44 flats is to be built on land at Springfield Road. The ground floor flats and the existing bungalows adjacent in Springfield Gardens are to become warden supervised and a communal room will be provided.

During the year available council accommodation was disposed of by letting as follows:—

Rehousing from slum clearance properties ... ..	25
„ „ waiting lists ... ..	9
„ „ medical priority lists:—	
To warden supervised bungalows ... ..	4
„ bungalows ... ..	4
„ ground floor flats ... ..	4
Transfers ... ..	24
Exchanges within the district ... ..	5
„ with other local authorities ... ..	3
Special priority cases ... ..	2

New houses erected during the year

	Houses	Flats	Bungalows
(1) By the local authority ... ..	—	—	—
(2) By other local authorities ... ..	—	—	—
(3) By other bodies or persons ... ..	82	—	—

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	28
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose ... ..	79



(2)	Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:- Demolition, Clearance or Closing orders have been made (at any time) ... ..	78
(3)	No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ...	22

2. Houses Demolished :—

In Clearance Areas :—

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year Persons Families	
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	65	65	20
(2) Houses included by bad arrangement, etc. ... ..	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957 Not in Clearance Areas :—	—	—	—
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	—	—	—

3. Unfit Houses Closed :—

	Number
(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	—
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 ...	—

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were remedied:—

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	8	—
(2) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts ... ..	3	—
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	—	—
(3) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	—	—

5. Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959:—

Standard Grants:—

Action during year:—	<i>No. of dwellings or other buildings affected</i>
(i) Applications submitted to local authority	19
(ii) Applications approved by local authority	18
(iii) Work completed ... ..	20

The Council also makes loans under the above provisions for the construction, acquisition, improvement and repair of houses.

## HOUSING CONDITIONS

The Slum Clearance Programme progressed during the year with the completion of the rehousing of Church View and its subsequent demolition. Over half the occupants of the Bent Street Compulsory Purchase Order were rehoused and a start made on rehousing the Church Street/Primrose Street area.

Four houses in Market Street, Stoneclough, were deleted from the Slum Clearance Programme due to substantial improvements and repairs over the last few years.

## NOTICES

Sixteen preliminary notices and five statutory notices were served during the year.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The tipping of domestic refuse in Kearsley ended at Easter with the closure of the Mabel's Brow Tip. This was an important step forward and must improve the standard of environmental hygiene in the district.

The use of plastic sacks was again increased and there are now some 1,200 premises included in the scheme.

Towards the end of the year it was decided that work study consultants be employed to look into the refuse collection service generally together with other departments. This was done in an attempt to provide a better service to the public and also to introduce an incentive bonus scheme which would benefit the collectors.

A proposed scheme was also approved for the construction of a new paper baling shed with an electric baling press, and a workmen's canteen incorporating showers and drying facilities for the use of the men.

It was recommended that the existing side loading refuse collection vehicle be replaced by a suitable modern type of compression vehicle, with a view to consideration being given at a later date as to the possibility of the existing crush loader being replaced by a type similar to the proposed new vehicle.

The Saturday morning service for the collection of bulky articles of refuse again proved popular, with 439 premises being visited during the year.



## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The sanitary accommodation of the district at the end of the year was as follows:—

Fresh water closets	...	...	...	4,216
Ashbins	...	...	...	4,412
Pails	...	...	...	2

## SALVAGE

The collection and sale of salvage has again continued. During the year under review the combined weight of salvage collected was 90 tons 9 cwt. 3 qtr., made up as follows:—

	T.	C.	Q.
Waste Paper ...	83	3	2
Miscellaneous ...	7	6	1

The total value was £864-5-5.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

All sewage is treated at the works of the Bolton Joint Sewerage Board at Ringley.

## ADULTERATION OF FOOD

The County Council is the authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

A total of 44 samples was obtained comprising 29 milks (four of which were Channel Islands milk) and 15 others as follows:—

1 Saluric Tablets	1 Esidrex Tablets
1 Bubble Gum	2 Sweets
1 Ice Cream	1 Ice Lollies
1 Pork Sausages	1 Ham
1 Pressed Chicken	1 Milk Powder & Baby Food
1 Jam	1 Cochineal
1 Sauce Mix	1 Angelica

I give below details of these samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:—

Sample	Results of Analysis	Action Taken
† Informal milk	Contained a moist dirt of the nature of dung 3·0 parts per 100,000.	Prosecution
„ „	Contained moist dirt of the nature of dung 2·0 parts per 100,000.	—Fined £15. Costs £13.
„ „	Contained moist dirt of the nature of dung 2·0 parts per 100,000.	in respect of informal milk marked †
„ „	Contained moist dirt of the nature of dung 2·0 parts per 100,000.	No action re others.
„ „	Cap incorrectly labelled Tuberculin Tested contained moist dirt of the nature of dung 0·5 parts per 100,000.	Complainant informed.
Milk Powder Baby Food	The foreign matter submitted was unlikely to have been associated with the original baby food.	

## SMOKE CONTROL

There are now three smoke control areas operative in Kearsley, covering over 22 per cent of the acreage and more than 23 per cent of all premises within the district.

The survey of No. 4 area was completed in November but the making of the order was postponed owing to the Solid Smokeless Fuel Federation being unable to guarantee the extra supplies of solid smokeless fuel needed to meet the demand. When the next area is operative, which is now expected to be November, 1971, almost 38 per cent of all premises in Kearsley will be smokeless.

## RODENT CONTROL

One man is engaged solely on this work.

Two sewer maintenance treatments have been carried out during the year, using Fluoracetamide as recommended by the Ministry.

The following action relating to rodent control has also been carried out:—

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4,743	9
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification:	80	—
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	46	—
mice	14	—
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and / or mice for reasons other than notification	40	—
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	4	—
mice	—	—

# SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1st January, 1969 to 31st December, 1969

## Visits and Inspections under P.H.A. 1936:

Houses after complaint ... ..	28
Land ... ..	17
Subsequent visits ... ..	51
Houses in need of repair ... ..	†22
Houses made fit: by owner ... ..	†16
by local authority ... ..	†1
Visits made under Housing Acts:	
Slum Clearance, etc. ... ..	49
Improvement grants ... ..	17
Notification of Infectious Diseases ... ..	11
Rodent Control Visits ... ..	10
Offices & Shops Act Visits ... ..	50
Shops Act 1950 Visits ... ..	144
Factories Act Visits ... ..	6
Outworkers premises ... ..	6
Drainage inspections ... ..	3
Visits in connection with smoke control ... ..	436
Visits in connection with house letting ... ..	252
Visits in connection with refuse collection and disposal ... ..	37
Food hygiene visits ... ..	34
Hairdressers ... ..	13
Swill boiling plants ... ..	4
Boarding of animals Act ... ..	1
Pet Shops ... ..	3
Unsound food ... ..	3
Interviews ... ..	98
No access ... ..	69
Miscellaneous ... ..	49
Total visits and inspections ... ..	<hr/> 1391 <hr/>

† Not included in total.

It was found necessary to take legal proceedings against two owners for non-compliance with statutory notices during the year. In both cases a nuisance order was issued by the court requiring compliance within 28 days.

# **FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959**

## **PART I OF THE ACT**

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises		Numbers of			Occu- piers
		Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written notices	prosecuted
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	—	5	2	Nil
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	—	—	—	Nil
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	—	Nil
		—	—	—	—
Total .....		1	6	2	Nil

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) .....	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S. 2) .....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient .....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) .....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
		—	—	—	—
Total ...		2	2	Nil	Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Out-work

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
	(1) (c)					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Employed in manufacture of wearing apparel	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil





